Women’s & Gender Studies Advisory Council  
MINUTES for April 13, 2011  
History Conference Room, 4-5pm

Present: Pari Ford, Grace Mims, Carrie Kracl, Allison Hedge Coke, Tami Moore, Janice Fronczak, Tone Mendoza, Demaris Grant, Linda Shaw, Amber Lewis (alumni rep), Michael Kneip (student rep), Brit Cudaback (QSA student rep), Linda Van Ingen (chair).

Absent: Julie Campbell, Darleen Mitchell, Jeanne Stolzer, Rebeca Acosta (student rep).

1. There was no meeting in March; Minutes from the February 9 meeting were approved and sent to Faculty Senate; Faculty membership for 2011-2012 was discussed.

2. No Limits Report: members made the following suggestions for future planning of the conference:
   • Work with MONA for events, artists related to WGS issues
   • Technology: there were serious problems with computer technology/HelpDesk laptops during the event and this was an embarrassment. When reserving the Ponderosa Rooms with a request for “smart carts,” all current aspects of computer technology should be made available and ready for use – wireless guest passwords, reliable laptops with speaker capacity; in-house I-tech person on hand Friday & Saturday.
   *Members suggested that Faculty Senate address this issue to make the Ponderosa Rooms smart rooms. Otherwise, the Ponderosa Rooms are not reliable tech-smart conference rooms.
   • Consider making the event a one-day conference due to limited staffing resources. There can be a big event at the end of the conference day (a Friday), with a kick-off pizza night the evening before for people coming in from out-of-town.
   • Create roundtable forums for discussion sessions – international student forums; alumni panels; faculty/career path discussions.

3. APR follow-up: Van Ingen had no update since submitting Action Plan to Dr. Bicak in January.

4. Assessment: Members volunteered to score assessment rubrics for 2010-2011 data. Van Ingen reported that she will be working on Assessment mapping, e-portfolios and the Assessment Report this summer.

5. Curriculum:
   • Course schedule for Summer/Fall: bookmarks were distributed announcing courses for WGS elective credit. These courses are also listed on the WGS Homepage, but are no longer listed in the printed course schedule or MyBlue.
   • Spring schedule: the Spring schedule will be completed this summer, but the plan for an adjunct teaching position for WSTD 220 in Spring 2011 is still pending.
   • Plan for cross-listing electives: Van Ingen will begin this process in Fall 2011.
   • On-line major? A major has to be approved first; WGS has made progress toward an on-line minor. This issue will be addressed again in the Fall.

6. Scholarship Committee: Van Ingen, Hedge Coke, Grant, Fronczak will meet later in April to make the WGS scholarship awards.
7. DVD orders: Van Ingen reminded members to send in DVD purchase requests. She will complete this process by the end of May.

8. Reports:
   - **Triota**: Kneip reported that a RAG session will be held Thursday, April 21 (time/room TBA). Both Kneip and Acosta will discuss their study abroad trip to Dubai and the “Insight Dubai” Conference, and Kneip will add comparisons to her experience in Bosnia.
   - **Women’s Center**: Shaw reported that April is “Sexual Assault Awareness” month, and that WGS Service Learning Students, along with the SL intern and the Women’s Center led a very successful “Take Back the Night” event on Thursday, April 7. About 75 people participated, and plans are underway to organize a second annual TBTN event next year. The Women’s Center also worked with the Kearney SAFE Center for a “Day of Silence” which preceded the TBTN event. The Women’s Center is also organizing the Clothesline Project this week.
   - **QSA**: Cudaback reported that this week is “Support Love Week” and that t-shirts are on sale. Pink Triangle Training workshops were held on Tuesday, and Thursday will be a “Day of Pink” (wear pink). Friday is a “Day of Silence” with a demonstration at the end of the day by the Fountain. There was brief discussion of possibly organizing a QSA group at KHS.
   - **Vagina Monologues**: Grant reported the event on February 17-18 was very successful. Members noted that the quality of the show was first-rate and that the two student directors and cast of twelve students did an excellent job. A total of $1,047.50 was raised, with 289 people attending. The Women’s Center is the local beneficiary (90% of funds are donated to the Women’s Center for a work study student) and Ensler’s Spotlight Campaign is for Women in Haiti (10% of funds). Grant will reserve the venue for next year’s production.

10. Budget update: Van Ingen reported that remaining budget expenses include travel support for two WGS faculty conferences and possibly a filing fee for Triota’s non-profit status.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55pm (Fronczak/Ford).

The next meeting will be in Fall 2011, tentatively set for September 14.